

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION IX

75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105

June 12, 2015

Bobby Sanchez Tribal Chairman Walker River Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 220 Schurz, Nevada 89427

Dear Mr. Sanchez:

This letter is in response to your proposal for a tribal Clean Air Act grant for federal fiscal year 2016 (FY16). This year we received 41 proposals, requesting a total of over \$5 million, and the amount we have available to award is \$2.9 million, which is less than last year. Due to this funding shortfall we have had to make difficult decisions and scrutinize past grant performance carefully. Based on the extremely late submittal of Walker River's workplan (in May, 2015) and several incomplete grant deliverables (specifically updating the Quality Assurance Project Plan and submitting air monitoring data into the Air Quality Systems database), we are unable to fund your air grant proposal for next year.

We encourage Walker River to continue working on top air priorities through the General Assistance Program grant, and anticipate that the funding announcement for FY17 tribal air funds will be made available in November, 2015.

If you have any questions about this matter, please call Sara Bartholomew of my staff at (415) 947-4100, or me at (415) 972-3014.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Valentine, Manager

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